

# **OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:10 pm on September 24, 2014 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

**Present:** Richard Nolan, Patricia St.Pierre, Mike Cosetta and Peter Leone; Chief Joe Bertholic; Commissioners Ed Bertholic Warren Steere and Tom Demers; and Clerk Anne Chretien.

**Absent:** Alice Lavigne and Albert Lavigne

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived and accepted.

**Motion** to accept the minutes was made by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Mike Cosetta. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

### **B. Commissioners Report**

- Received quotes for paving and striping the parking area for the fire station. The quotes are almost \$4000. each. We should wait until next year to perform this maintenance to the parking area.
- Purchased was a grass catcher for the lawn mower. This will promote better grass by not having the clippings left on the lawn. The lawn has been fertilized for the fall.
- Motion to accept the Commissioners Report was made by Peter Leone. Seconded by Patricia St.Pierre. Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

### **C. Chief's Report**

- Runs for the month was 60. (See attached report.) It's been a busy time for the last few weeks.
- Medic 1 – won't start when warm. Scott's Mobile Repair has determined that there was a high pressure oil leak that was causing this issue.

- Rescue 1 maintenance will be completed by Scott's Mobile and paid for by Nasonville Fire District. This is because the NFD used Rescue 1 for a few weeks.
- The air-conditioner was repaired again this time an O ring on some pump was replaced –at a cost of \$1000.
- Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Richard Nolan.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **D. Tax Assessors Report**

- Mentioned a tabled item from the last meeting regarding street lights for private home owners. To get more information from National Grid.
- Motion to accept the Tax Assessors report was made by Patricia St.Pierre and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **E. Tax Collectors Report**

- Collections from 9/1/2014 to 08/31/2015 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$1,441.83 as of September 18, 2014. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$395,845.19. See attached report.
- The tax bills for the new fiscal year will be in the mail before 10/15/2014.
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Patricia St. Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

#### **F. Treasurers Report**

- All bills are paid and up-to-date. Bank statements have been reconciled.
- Records for September 2013- August 2014 will be packaged and brought to the auditor, Carlucci & Dugan in Lincoln.
- The new laptop will be delivered next week. The old laptop hard drive will be cleaned of all information but will still have an operating system.
- Motion was made by Peter Leone to give to old laptop to Commissioner Tom Demers for his use. Motion seconded by Patricia St. Pierre.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

## **G. Old Business**

- By-Laws committee did not meet in September.
- Rescue Truck committee met with vendors and we are writing specs for the new vehicle then out to bid. This should be in about two weeks.
- The Chief is planning a meeting with the OM Fire Department to explain the new plan for call pay and duty shifts. This should be in effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal is for more participation of volunteers for calls so trucks are adequately manned.

## **H. New Business**

- Commissioners have reappointed Chief Joseph E. Bertholic for another year.
  - Regarding Mike Keable's request at the Annual Meeting, that the siren could be off for a period of time during the evening hours. Commissioners will look into a timer for the siren. It was decided that between the hours of 7pm to 7am the siren will be off.
  - The Town Clerk of Burrillville, Louise Phanuef, contacted members of the committee and wanted to know OMFD procedures for someone obtaining public records and who is the certified member of the committee in charge. Richard Nolan addressed this issue and pointed out an article from the Providence Journal regarding issues about obtaining the records. (See attached). Discussion was held about the position, which has to be certified each year. The RI Attorney General's Office has an annual seminar in August.
  - Motion was made by Peter Leone to appoint Richard Nolan Public Record's Officer for the district. Motion was seconded by Mike Cosetta.
  - Unanimously voted "I" by all present.  
Richard will look into procedures and how to become certified.
- 
- **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Richard Nolan.

Unanimously voted "I" by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien, Clerk